

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Official Action of April 7, 2006 and replaces the unentered amendment of July 6, 2006.

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Specification and Drawings

The drawings were objected to as "[t]he drawings are objected to because numerous reference numerals have been used to identify all variations of the same part."

The shoulder 7D of Figures 3, 5 was identified as an example, as were the inner rings 9 (Figures 3, 5, 6), the housing 7 (Figures 3, 5), and rotational link 14 (Figures 5, 6).

Figures 3-6 have been amended to distinguish between those elements of Figure 2 that are shown with variations.

The general housing 7 of Figure 2 is illustrated with variations 307 (Figures 3-4), 507 (Figure 5), and 607 (Figure 6).

The general shoulder 7D of Figure 2 is illustrated with variations 307D (Figures 3-4), 507D (Figure 5), and 607D (Figure 6).

The general internal conical ring 9 of Figure 2 is illustrated with variations 309 (Figures 3-4), 509 (Figure 5), and 609 (Figure 6).

The rotational link has been labeled as 514 in Figure 5 and 614 in Figure 6.

The drawings are this believed to have been amended so that different reference numerals identify variations of the same part. Withdrawal of the drawing objection is therefore solicited.

The specification has been amended to standardize reference to certain elements, and consistent with the below noted drawing amendments.

A substitute specification is attached, together with a marked-up copy thereof. The undersigned verifies that no new matter is being entered by way of the substitute specification.

The Claims

The claims have been amended to remove element reference numbers.

Claims 2 and 7 were objected to.

These claims have been responsively amended.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 4, 7, and 10 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to include allowable claim 7.


Allowable claims 4 and 10 have been amended to be in independent form.

Allowance of the independent claims and their dependent claims is therefore solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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Appendix:

The Appendix includes the following items:

- second substitute specification and marked-up copy of substitute specification
- replacement drawing sheets for Figures 3-6

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Drawing Figures 3-6 have been amended to distinguish between those elements of Figure 2 that are shown with variations, i.e., the general housing 7 is illustrated with variations 307 (Figures 3-4), 507 (Figure 5), and 607 (Figure 6); the general shoulder 7D is illustrated with variations 307D (Figures 3-4), 507D (Figure 5), and 607D (Figure 6); the general internal conical ring 9 is illustrated with variations 309 (Figures 3-4), 509 (Figure 5), and 609 (Figure 6); and the rotational link has been labeled as 514 in Figure 5 and 614 in Figure 6.